

**A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

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**IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**February 1, 2005**

To recognize and honor William Ridley and Dolores Melissa Hinton Spaulding, for outstanding service to the District of Columbia and on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

WHEREAS William Ridley and Dolores Hinton Spaulding have resided in Ward Five for forty-five years as parents of three daughters, Deirdre, Michele and Angelyn and two grandchildren Felicia and Brian;

WHEREAS, William Ridley and Dolores Hinton Spaulding married after meeting at Howard University where he was an instructor in the School of Engineering and Architecture and she a music education major;

WHEREAS, William Ridley Spaulding served for three terms on the Council of the District of Columbia for Ward Five and authored the legislation establishing the University of the District of Columbia as the nation's only urban land grant institution, with its mandate to develop the "human capital" of our nation's urban areas;

WHEREAS, Dolores Hinton Spaulding served as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Library Trustees from 1979 to 1988;

WHEREAS, William Ridley Spaulding worked for the National Security Agency and taught evenings and weekends at Howard University and also the D.C. Public School system's veteran's program at Phelps, Bell and Armstrong High Schools, while he coached school basketball and baseball teams, and Dolores Hinton Spaulding taught in the Prince Georges County Public School system;

WHEREAS, William Ridley and Dolores Hinton Spaulding launched many community and school-based projects and in the 1960's they produced and directed a television show on WOOK-TV Channel 14 featuring local talent;

WHEREAS, William Ridley Spaulding served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital and Dolores Hinton Spaulding served for 25 years with the Girl Scouts as troop leader, service-unit chairman, association chairman, camp director and trainer;

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WHEREAS, William Ridley Spaulding served as President of the John Burroughs School PTA; President of the Area 3A Council of the PTA; Vice-President of the D.C. Congress of Parent Teacher Associations; President of the Woodridge Civic Association, Financial Secretary of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, Advisor to the College Achievement Module program at the District of Columbia Teacher's College, Secretary for the Fort Lincoln Advisory Committee, and served on the boards of directors for the Kidney Foundation, the Heart Association and The Saturday College;

WHEREAS, Dolores Hinton Spaulding was a parent volunteer at John Burroughs Elementary School and aided in establishing the school library and served as one of the volunteer part-time parent-aide librarians and after raising her family returned to teaching for 25 years and completed a Masters Degree in Counseling;

WHEREAS, William Ridley Spaulding presently is an urban systems consultant on the Board of Directors for the IDEA Public Charter School and Dolores Hinton Spaulding is a human relations trainer; and

WHEREAS, William Ridley and Dolores Hinton Spaulding celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on Monday, December 27, 2004.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "William Ridley and Dolores Hinton Spaulding 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors William Ridley and Dolores Hinton Spaulding on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and for their untiring dedication and service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To recognize and honor John K. Tanner, who served with excellence in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice for 28 years and was recently given the Division's highest honor, the John Doar Award.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice instituted the John Doar Award as the highest award in the Civil Rights Division, which is presented to U.S. Department of Justice attorneys who have served at least ten years in the Civil Rights Division and have demonstrated high standards of excellence and dedication throughout their career. The John Doar Award is named after the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights who served from 1960 to 1967 under John F. Kennedy. In 1961, Doar joined the Freedom Riders on their trip through the south. He accompanied James Meredith when Meredith enrolled as the first Black student at the University of Mississippi, and Doar attended the funeral of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, where he appealed to an angry crowd of mourners dissuading them from potentially erupting into violence;

WHEREAS, during his career, he brought the first "Election Protection" lawsuit challenging discriminatory treatment of African American voters by poll officials in Conecuh County, Alabama and discriminatory hiring practices by the County for its poll officials. He also brought the first challenge to racially selective litigation;

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mr. Tanner moved from the Voting Section to the Criminal Section where he prosecuted cases involving police brutality, racially motivated residential arson, telephone threats and church arsons. He also served on the Department's Hate Crimes working group and on the National Church Arson Task Force;

WHEREAS, when he returned to the Voting Section in 2002, Mr. Tanner immediately coordinated the Division's enforcement of the minority language provisions of the Voting Rights Act;

WHEREAS, John K. Tanner's work has opened the door to public office for literally hundreds of Black and Hispanic elected officials, and has brought minority language programs to hundreds of Asian, Native American and Hispanic voters. His enforcement of the Voting Rights Act has transformed the state legislatures of Alabama and Mississippi and paved the way for the election in 2004 of Vietnamese candidates in Houston, Texas, and Bayou la Batre, Alabama. Voters who had previously been harassed and insulted elected their own representatives to their

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state and local governments;

WHEREAS, in recognition of this work, on December 15, 2004, the U.S. Department of Justice presented Mr. Tanner with the distinguished John Doar Award; and

WHEREAS, no one values the right to vote more than the citizens of the District of Columbia, who are still without full voting representation, so it is for his concerted efforts to enforce the provisions of the Voting Rights Act we honor the contributions of John K. Tanner.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "John K. Tanner Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors John K. Tanner for his generous contribution as a champion of voting rights for all and, in particular, voting rights for minorities.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately after the first date of its publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To posthumously recognize and honor Reginald H. Berry for his outstanding service to the citizens of the District of Columbia on the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Central State University and a Juris Doctorate from George Mason International School of Law;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry served his country in Vietnam and was awarded two Distinguished Service Medals and a Bronze Star;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry joined the District of Columbia government in 1986 and was the Acting Deputy Commissioner of the Insurance Administration and Program Manager of the Life and Death Division within the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry was responsible for planning and directing implementation of the policy for examination and actuarial analysis of all life and health insurance products antecedent to their use in the District of Columbia insurance market;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry served as the Acting Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation from 1997 to 2000;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry was responsible for planning, directing, coordinating, and regulating the District of Columbia's insurance organizations and securities industries as well as vendors of workers' compensation;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry served as the Assistant Director of Labor Standards at the Department of Employment Services from 2001 to 2004;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry was responsible for planning, directing, and overseeing four unique program areas related to the protection and security of public and private workers, including private sector workers' compensation, hearings and adjudication, wage-hour, and

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private sector occupational safety and health;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry introduced a unified automated claims management system for the workers' compensation program;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry served the District of Columbia as the District Representative on the Mayor's Taskforce on Health Care and represented the Department of Employment Services at a symposium on Risk Management, at the International Association of Industrial Accidents Boards and Commissions annual convention, and at the Workers' Compensation Research Institute's panel of inquiry on fraud in the workers' compensation arena;

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry was a member of the Fellowship Lodge No. 26, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the Jonathan Davis Consistory No. 1, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason; and a member of the Mecca Temple No. 1 of the Shiners, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Reginald H. Berry passed away on November 5, 2004.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reginald H. Berry Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Reginald H. Berry for his untiring dedication and service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To posthumously recognize and honor John W. Finney for his outstanding service to the District of Columbia and its citizens.

WHEREAS, John W. Finney resided in the Palisades neighborhood in Ward 3 with his wife Theresa for more than 20 years;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney served his country in the Navy in World War II, serving as a communications officer and commander of a PT boat in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney earned his Bachelors Degree in history from Yale University in 1947;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney was hired by United Press International in 1949 and reported on the Pentagon and Capitol Hill;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney joined the Washington Bureau on The New York Times in 1957 as a reporter and covered atomic energy, nuclear proliferation, the Pentagon, Capitol Hill and the debate over the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney retired as news editor of the Washington Bureau of The New York Times and taught courses about the media for 15 years as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney served two terms on Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D from 2000 to 2004;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney was chairman of ANC 3D in 2002 and 2003;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney established relationships with city agencies to increase community input into their decisions;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney was instrumental in obtaining road, sidewalk and other improvements for the Palisades community;

WHEREAS, John W. Finney was highly respected and admired for his devotion to his city and to the Palisades neighborhood and for his leadership and his enduring belief in grass-roots democracy; and

WHEREAS, John W. Finney passed away on October 29, 2004.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "John W. Finney Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors John W. Finney for his untiring dedication and service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To posthumous commemorate the life of James Forman, former executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

WHEREAS, James Forman was born in Chicago on October 4, 1928 and graduated with honors from Chicago's Englewood High School in 1947;

WHEREAS, James Forman served honorably in the United States Air Force during the Korean War;

WHEREAS, James Forman graduated from Roosevelt University with a Bachelor's degree in public administration;

WHEREAS, James Forman became a reporter for the Chicago Defender and covered the resistance to court-ordered school segregation in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957;

WHEREAS, James Forman worked as an elementary school teacher in Chicago;

WHEREAS, James Forman began to organize by working with families of sharecroppers who had been evicted from their homes for registering to vote in Fayette County, Tennessee, where he publicized the sharecroppers' plight, distributed food and registered voters;

WHEREAS, James Forman, in the summer of 1961, participated in a Freedom Ride to protest segregated facilities in Monroe, N.C.;

WHEREAS, James Forman served bravely and creatively as executive director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a front-line organization in the fight to bring racial equality to the United States;

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WHEREAS, James Forman was a noted author, publishing a biography ("Sammy Younge Jr." The First Black College Student to Die in the Black Liberation Movement" in 1969), an autobiography ("The Making of Black Revolutionaries" in 1972 and 1997), and an essay ("Self Determination: An Examination of the Question and Its Application to the African American People" in 1984.)

WHEREAS, James Forman earned a master's degree in African and African American studies from Cornell University in 1980, and a doctoral degree from the Union of Experimental Colleges in 1982;

WHEREAS, James Forman was the father of Chaka Forman and James Forman, Jr., and the grandfather of Chaya Lillian Forman;

WHEREAS, James Forman was a civil rights pioneer who mentored a generation of young Americans who have become leaders in our nation and in our city; and

WHEREAS, James Forman was a resident of the District of Columbia for 24 years until his death at the Washington Home and Hospice on January 10, 2005.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. James Forman Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the dedicated service to his country of James Forman, which is a better place for his efforts.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 1, 2005

To recognize and honor the Capitol Hill Restoration Society in conjunction with its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 28, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society was founded by six Capitol Hill residents on January 28, 1955, with a goal to create a model urban community on Capitol Hill;

WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's volunteer members have served the Capitol Hill community for 50 years by preserving Capitol Hill as a diverse urban residential community;

WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society provides a forum for Capitol Hill residents to have a knowledgeable and strong voice in neighborhood, community, and District of Columbia affairs, especially in matters concerning historic preservation, land use planning, and zoning;

WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society was instrumental in the creation of the District of Columbia's Historic Preservation Act, the Comprehensive Plan Act, and the Residential Permit Parking Act;

WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society helped establish the Capitol Hill Historic District, including the recent extension, to preserve the area's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently recognized the Capitol Hill Restoration Society by presenting it the Trustee's Award for Organizational Excellence "For tireless and effective advocacy for preservation and livability of a vibrant historic neighborhood in our nation's capital."

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Capitol Hill Restoration Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Capitol Hill Restoration Society on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Licenciado Carlos Adrian Velasco, Cónsul of El Salvador in the District of Columbia, for his outstanding achievements, and to declare January 25, 2005 as "Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco's steadfast career of service has significantly helped service the Salvadoran communities of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia by improving community relations;

WHEREAS, Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco organized and created a mobile Consulate Office to provide better access to services for Salvadorans who live beyond the Metropolitan area of the District, and whose commute was difficult;

WHEREAS, Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco also helped significantly to cure the long lines and lengthy process at the Consulate Office of the District of Columbia for Salvadorans;

WHEREAS, Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco ended the sometimes 6 month wait for passports of Salvadoran nationals in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco selflessly made himself available and accessible for Salvadoran citizens and businesses all around the areas, which help lift up the spirits and morale, and improved relations between the Consul's office and the citizens it represents; and

WHEREAS, Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco is being honored for his commitment, improvement of community services and most of all accessibility to community organizations and business, which sets a standard for future Cónsuls to follow in the District of Columbia, other parts of our country and the world.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco's term of service to Salvadorans of the District of Columbia and other states it serviced, and declares January 25, 2005 as "Cónsul Carlos Adrian Velasco Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 1, 2005

To recognize the Chinese community in the District of Columbia for its generous and valued contributions to the social, cultural and political life of the city and to honor the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its sponsorship of the parade to celebrate the Year of the Rooster.

WHEREAS, Chinese people have lived in the District of Columbia as a community since 1884, when nearly 100 immigrants settled near 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and remained until 1935 when the settlement area moved to its current location along H Street, N.W., which is commonly known as "Chinatown";

WHEREAS, today there are more than 40 Chinese businesses and some 1,000 Chinese residents in Chinatown which serves as the center of health care, dining, and shopping for the 40,000 Chinese residents in the Washington Metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Chinatown is a unique cultural and social center for the District, providing visitors with a taste of Chinese culture;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia's commitment to the Chinese community continues as the government strives to improve services for the Chinese community through the establishment of the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and the Metropolitan Police Department Asian Liaison Unit in Chinatown, also known as the Community-Police Department Partnership for Better Public Safety, which we salute;

WHEREAS, thousands of District of Columbia residents will gather along H and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets, N.W. on Sunday, February 13, 2005, to enjoy the dragon-led parade and celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year;

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WHEREAS, the annual anniversary celebration and parade for the Chinese Lunar New Year, sponsored by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, is nationally known as one of the finest celebrations of color, art and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Community welcomes our neighbors, the MCI Center, the Convention Center, Gallery Place and many others whose partnerships promote and enhance the economic, social and cultural opportunities for the residents of Washington, D.C., to achieve the vision and objectives set forth in the Downtown Comprehensive Plan for a living downtown.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Chinese Lunar New Year 4702, Year of the Rooster Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the Chinese community of the District of Columbia and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its many contributions to the social, economic, cultural and political life of the city and to honor the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its sponsorship of the parade to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Kerry Nolan for national accreditation in teaching and outstanding educational achievement in the District of Columbia Public School system.

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan began her teaching experiences in rural southern Virginia and rounded out her practicum with teaching five and six year old children in the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan completed graduate work with coursework at Trinity College, Catholic University, Howard University, American University and the University of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan began teaching in the District of Columbia Public Schools in 1993 at John Burroughs Elementary School in Ward Five;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan was inducted into the esteemed Phi Delta Kappa group which holds the best instructors in the United States and beyond and in 2001 received the "Teaching for Excellence" award in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan presented instructional strategies to raise student achievement at the Academic Interventions and Supports Symposium at Gallaudet University in 2004;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan has sponsored the Junior Red Cross Club for community service projects through the Salvation Army and the Washington Center for the Aging in Ward Five;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan has been awarded National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Standards;

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan continues to instill in students at John Burroughs Elementary School the values of educational excellence and public service; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Nolan is a role model for colleagues in the teaching profession demonstrated by her dedication to the field of education.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Kerry Nolan Ceremonial Recognition Act of 2005".



Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Kerry Nolan for outstanding service and dedication to students in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To recognize Edward P. Jones, author, on the occasion of a ceremony in his honor at his alma mater, Cardozo High School, on February 15, 2005, and to declare February 15, 2005 as "Edward P. Jones Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Edward P. Jones was born in the District of Columbia in 1950;

WHEREAS, Edward P. Jones attended public schools in the District of Columbia and graduated from Cardozo High School in 1968;

WHEREAS, Edward P. Jones won the PEN/Hemingway Award in 1993 and was a finalist for the National Book Award for his first book, "Lost in the City," a collection of short stories about life in 1950's-1970's Washington;

WHEREAS, Edward P. Jones' first novel, "The Known World," received the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, as well as the National Book Critics Circle Award and was a finalist for the National Book Award;

WHEREAS, Edward P. Jones was named a MacArthur Fellow for 2004; and

WHEREAS, Edward P. Jones will be honored on February 15, 2005 at Cardozo High School, 1200 Clifton Street, N.W., in Ward 1.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Edward P. Jones Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life and accomplishments of Edward P. Jones and his contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia; and declares February 15, 2005 as "Edward P. Jones Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To recognize Mr. Anthony L. Staten, Sr., as he celebrates his retirement after serving 30 years in the District of Columbia Fire Department.

WHEREAS, Anthony L. Staten is a native Washingtonian and proud graduate of Coolidge Senior High School in Ward 4;

WHEREAS, Mr. Staten has served his community, dedicated his career to ensure the safety of fellow residents, and has set a positive example for his community by leading a life of public service;

WHEREAS, Mr. Staten served for 2 years at Engine No. 2, and then went on to serve for 28 years at Engine No. 20, located at 4200 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., and held the title of Firefighter Technician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Staten and his wife, Ms. Lillian M. Staten, are the proud parents of two children and grandparents of four boys.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the "Anthony L. Staten Sr. Retirement and Public Service Appreciation Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Mr. Anthony L. Staten for 30 years as a firefighter in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize Mrs. Jean Rogers as she celebrates her retirement after 25 years of public service to the University of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jean Rogers served for 25 years as a Program Coordinator in both the University's Office of Student Affairs and Counseling and Placement Program in the College of Business and Public Management and as Director in the Office of Alumni Affairs;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers received her bachelor of arts degree in English from South Carolina State College and a master's degree in Counseling Education from Virginia Commonwealth University. Mrs. Rogers then completed post-graduate studies at both Virginia Commonwealth and in the District at Howard University;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers has dedicated a life to public service by teaching in the Oakland, California Public School System and the District of Columbia Public School System. Ms. Rogers is also a nationally certified counselor and holds lifetime licensure as a Community College Counselor in the State of California;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers has helped plan and coordinate job fairs, seminars, on-campus recruitment activities, internships, job referrals, other career development activities, Alumni reunion receptions and the alumni board of trustee elections at the University of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers has helped countless students by counseling and guiding them to a better future through her work as a career counselor and Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers has held memberships in the American Association of Counseling and Development, National Employment Counselors, the National Career Development Association and has served on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Teenage Pregnancy.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the "Jean Rogers Public Service Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Ms. Jean Rogers for her continued contributions through Public Service within the District of Columbia.

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To recognize and honor Ms. Claudia Vavy Bezaka, who has been awarded National Board Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

WHEREAS, Claudia Vavy Bezaka was born on the island of Madagascar, and immigrated to the United States with her family at age ten when her mother, a Malagasy diplomat, was assigned to Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Claudia Vavy Bezaka attended the Lycée Français International (known as Lycée Rochambeau) and was graduated from the Immaculate Conception Academy. While attending George Washington University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, Ms. Bezaka taught pre-schoolers for two years at St. Paul's Nursery School;

WHEREAS, Claudia Vavy Bezaka went on to receive two Masters degrees of Education from National Louis (Curriculum & Instruction) and George Mason Universities (Educational Leadership);

WHEREAS, Claudia Vavy Bezaka taught French at Roper Middle School of Math, Science and Technology (known as Ron Brown) where she was awed and inspired by the dynamic leadership style of the principal Mrs. Helena Nobles Jones;

WHEREAS, Claudia Vavy Bezaka accepted a teaching position at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School where she teaches French levels one through Advanced Placement French Literature, and chairs the World Languages Department; and

WHEREAS Claudia Vavy Bezaka has shown a passionate dedication to her students and her profession by pursuing and achieving National Board Certification.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Claudia Vavy Bezaka Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2005."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Claudia Vavy Bezaka for her generous contribution as a teacher and citizen to the city of Washington, D.C.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately after the first date of its publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize the District of Columbia School Counselors Association and to declare February 7 - 11, 2005 as "National School Counseling Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors promote comprehensive school counseling programs that enhance student learning;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors service public and private schools with programs focused on the interrelated areas of student development, academic, career, personal and social development which forms the foundation of the developmental school counseling programs;

WHEREAS, working with teachers and other educators, Professional School Counselors help students explore their potential by setting realistic goals they can achieve;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors' use a variety of resources and activities to promote the desired student development;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors responsibilities include program organization, implementation and coordination;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors are advocates and promote a healthy relationship with the student and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, "School Counselors Point You in the Right Direction," is the theme in celebration of National School Counseling Week.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National School Counseling Week Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of Professional School Counselors, and declares February 7 - 11, 2005 as "National School Counseling Week" in the District of Columbia.

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To recognize Father Earl Albert Neil for his service in the community and his commitment to the faith-based community in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Earl Albert Neil was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, completed his undergraduate studies at Carlton College and secured a Master of Divinity degree from Seabury Weston Theological Seminary and a Master of Social Work at the University of California at Berkeley;

WHEREAS, this humble and anointed servant was ordained to the holy order of priest in the Episcopal Church, USA and served as rector of St. Augustine's in Wichita, Kansas, co-vicar of Christ Church in Chicago, Illinois, was Canon Missioner and Canon Pastor of the Washington National Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, served as a program executive and a program officer on the staff of the National Episcopal Church, USA, and was the interim rector of Calvary Episcopal Church and assisting priest at Trinity Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, this consistent advocate for justice served as a coordinator of the Selma to Montgomery March, worked in voter registration campaigns in Mississippi and promoted with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Open Housing Campaign in Chicago and served as the co-director of the Justice and Reconciliation Department on the staff of the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu of Capetown, South Africa;

WHEREAS, this faithful servant was the spiritual advisor to the Black Panther Party and helped design and operate the first free breakfast program in the nation in collaboration with St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Oakland, California, and fostered affirmative action policies, social justice programs and community development services at the national church; and

WHEREAS, Father Neil was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Seabury Weston Theological Seminary, the Carlton College Alumni Award and the Service to the People Award of the Black Panther Party, and the National Union of Black Episcopalians

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Award.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend Canon Earl A. Neil Retirement Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the faithful contributions of the Reverend Canon Earl A Neil to both faith and civic communities in America and South Africa and joins his family, colleagues and friends from Trinity Parish in celebrating his distinguished career as a faithful witness of justice, compassion and peace within the religious and secular spheres.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To recognize the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., in conjunction with its 80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., was officially organized and incorporated in the District of Columbia at 410 V Street, N.W., by the Bishop G. J. Black in 1925;

WHEREAS, the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., is the vision of the late Reverend Estella Black who was appointed the first Pastor;

WHEREAS, the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., experienced rapid growth and soon moved to 1015 D Street, N.E., which was dedicated on January 9, 1949;

WHEREAS, the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., experienced a short period of trial, but continued to grow under the leadership of the Reverend Joseph T. Bowens and moved to a larger edifice at 300 A Street, N.E., in 1964;

WHEREAS, the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., under the steadfast leadership of the Reverend Dr. James R. Love has continued to growth in size and in spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., has adopted the theme, "Celebrating our Legacy - Embracing the Future" and is celebrating it's 80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary on March 5th and 6th, 2005.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., 80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church of America, Inc., on the occasion of its 80<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary and for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To recognize Georgetown Presbyterian Church on the occasion of its 225th Anniversary, and to declare March 13, 2005 as "Georgetown Presbyterian Church Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Stephen Bloomer Balch, a soldier of the Revolution, established a church in George Town in 1780;

WHEREAS, Georgetown Presbyterian Church was the first Presbyterian church in what was to become modern-day Washington, D.C., and remains the oldest church of any denomination in the Washington area with an unbroken ministry;

WHEREAS, a charter, still in effect, was granted to "The Presbyterian Congregation in George Town" under an Act of Congress signed by President Thomas Jefferson;

WHEREAS, Reverend Balch preached his first sermon on March 16, 1780. Along with his pastoral duties, he established a school, Columbia Academy, to which George Washington sent his nephews with the request that they live and study with Dr. Balch. He later helped establish the Columbian Library and is reputed to have published the first book in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the first permanent church, a small brick building, was built in 1782 at the southeast corner of Bridge and Washington Streets (now M and 30<sup>th</sup>) and was called the Bridge Street Church, within ten years the congregation had outgrown it and two enlargements were undertaken - one in 1793 to which Thomas Jefferson contributed \$75, and another in 1801;

WHEREAS, in 1821, a contract was agreed upon to build a new church at the same location at a cost of \$20,000, and President James Monroe laid the cornerstone;

WHEREAS, in 1862, the church was used by the federal government as a hospital, and treated hundreds of soldiers, both Union and Confederate, wounded in the battles of Second Manassas and Fredricksburg;

WHEREAS, within a decade after the Civil War, the church moved and rebuilt at its present location on P Street (formerly West Street), utilizing as much of the original building material as possible, and a manse (residence) for the pastor was built next to the church;

WHEREAS, in 1873, President Ulysses S. Grant laid the cornerstone of the new West Street Church where the Reverend Dr. Samuel S. Howe served as minister; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, as the Presbyterian Congregation in Georgetown celebrated its 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it also celebrated the arrival of the Reverend Dr. Richard L. Sheffield as its 19<sup>th</sup> senior pastor. As the first minister to reside in the manse on P Street since the 1960's, Dick Sheffield looks forward to taking an active part in District of Columbia community affairs as well as in the church.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Georgetown Presbyterian Church 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Georgetown Presbyterian Church on the observance of its 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and declares March 13, 2005 "Georgetown Presbyterian Church Day" in the District of Columbia;

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To recognize and honor Officer Walker Roach for his years of service upon his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department on January 8, 2005.

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach received his appointment to the Metropolitan Police Department on June 9, 1975, by initially serving as a cadet assigned to the First District;

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach was assigned to various scout cars, tactical units, and the MPD/FBI Task Force;

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach was assigned to the Crime Scene Search at the First District in 1988;

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach received the Meritorious Service award in 1980, the Cop's Cop Award in 1981, and the Crime Scene Search Officer of the Year for four consecutive years;

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach was assigned to the Forensic Science Division in 2002 and helped to establish the first sex kit inventory/CODIS system in development stage;

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach received numerous awards throughout his years of service from the Chief's Awards Committee, Crime Reduction Awards, Blanket Commendations, and the Citizens' Letter of Commendations; and

WHEREAS, Officer Walker Roach completed his last tour of duty on January 8, 2005, when he retired.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Officer Walker Roach Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Officer Walker Roach on the occasion of his retirement from the MPD and for the valuable contributions he has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To recognize and honor Sergeant Darryl Barney for his years of service upon his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department on January 8, 2005.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney received his appointment to the Metropolitan Police Department on June 19, 1978, after serving in the military for four years;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney was assigned to the First District after graduation from the Police Academy;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney joined the Ceremonial Honor Guard in 1982 and served there for 23 years until his retirement;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney was promoted to Master Patrol Officer in 1984 and trained many recruit officers until 1991;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney was assigned to Canine with a Rottweiler named Stetson, beginning in 1991, and as a team competed in patrol dog competitions throughout their partnership;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Third District in 1994;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney was assigned to the ID and Records Division, beginning in 1995, for two years;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney was again assigned to Canine with a Cadaver dog named Harley in June 1997;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Barney and Harley were called up to search for human remains at the Pentagon during the terrorist attack on 9/11 and also assisted in the Chandra Levy case as well as searched for other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Barney and Harley retired on Saturday, January 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Darryl Barney received numerous accommodations from the Chief of Police, citizens, and District Commanders throughout his years of service on the force.



RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sergeant Darryl Barney Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Sergeant Darryl Barney on the occasion of his retirement from the MPD and for the valuable contributions he has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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16-20

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To honor and congratulate Yang Jiechi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States on his distinguished diplomatic service to the United States and for his generous and valued contributions to the social, economic, cultural and political life of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Yang Jiechi was born in 1950 in Shanghai, China;

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1975, Yang Jiechi received a university education at Bath University in the United Kingdom, and the London School of Economics and Political Sciences;

WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1987, Yang Jiechi served successively as second secretary, the first secretary, and counselor at the Chinese Embassy in the United States;

WHEREAS, from 1987 to 1990, Yang Jiechi served as counselor and division director at the Translation and Interpretation Department, Foreign Ministry;

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1993, Yang Jiechi served as counselor and division director and deputy director-general at the Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, Foreign Ministry;

WHEREAS, Yang Jiechi served as the Minister and DCM of the Chinese Embassy in the United States from 1993 to 1995;

WHEREAS, from 1995 to 2000, Yang Jiechi served as Assistant Foreign Minister and Vice Foreign Minister;

WHEREAS, in 2001, Yang Jiechi served as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Yang Jiechi is married to Ms. Le Aimei and has a daughter.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Yang Jiechi Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Yang Jiechi for his distinguished diplomatic service as Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States and for his generous and valued contributions to the social, economic, cultural and political life in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To honor the groups and organizations that address the issue of child abuse and neglect, and declare April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured and secure, and to be free from verbal abuse, emotional and physical abuse and neglect;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government is committed to fostering the development of a responsive community that supports families and nurtures children, protecting children from abuse, violence, exploitation, and ensuring that children and youth are given the opportunity to mature and develop within a family that is free of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes that one of the most effective ways of protecting children is to prevent child abuse and neglect.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Child Abuse Prevention Month Declaration Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends the D.C. Children's Trust Fund, Parents Anonymous of Metropolitan DC, Child and Family Services Agency, DC Action for Children, Mary's Center's Healthy Families DC Program, Children's National Medical Center, and Healthy Families / Thriving Communities Collaborative's for their devotion to our most precious resource, our children.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby encourages our residents to support the activities and events these organizations have scheduled to commemorate this month, and declares April 2005 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the District and Columbia.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To recognize and honor D.C.'s Different Drummers on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WHEREAS, during the October 1979 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Michael Rutherford was inspired by the marching bands that performed to organize a Lesbian and Gay band in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers held its first organizational meeting of musicians on January 7, 1980;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers first marched in the District of Columbia on June 21, 1981 to open the D.C. Department of Recreation's *Kick-Off Summer Parade*;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has played at the Gay Pride Festival since 1980 and has marched in every D.C. Gay Pride Parade since 1981;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has marched in Palisades July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade beginning in 1990;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has participated in various D.C. Music Festivals since 1980;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has been from the start an inclusive organization;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers encourages good musicianship and recognizes the improvements of its members;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers fulfills its mission of playing music and pride and educating others about the GLBT community;

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WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers celebrates and preserves LGBT history and cultural experience through its concert programming and commissioning of original musical works to reflect that experience;

WHEREAS, D.C. Swing!, a group within D.C.'s Different Drummers, has supported a variety of other LGBT groups in the District of Columbia by performing at their functions;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has won awards for Best Marching Unit in D.C., Baltimore, and New York City in various years;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has represented the D.C. LGBT community at events throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers has performed with other LGBT music groups in Washington, D.C., and other cities in the U.S., Canada, the Netherlands, and Australia; and

WHEREAS, D.C.'s Different Drummers was a charter member and continues to be active in the Lesbian & Gay Band Association, and international group of LGBT musicians.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "D.C.'s Different Drummers 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors D.C.'s Different Drummers.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To declare the month of March as "Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia to recognize and encourage support for efforts towards enabling individuals with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives in our communities.

WHEREAS, since 1979, the ARC of the District of Columbia has sponsored National Mental Retardation Awareness Month in March focusing their efforts on increasing public awareness of mental retardation and related developmental disabilities to enhance the community's understanding of the issues affecting people with mental retardation;

WHEREAS, mental retardation and other developmental disabilities affect an estimated 33,000 residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia believes that individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities have a right to live, play, and worship alongside people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when given these opportunities, experiences, and supports, people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities become vital members our community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the ARC of the District of Columbia, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, and the District of Columbia State Planning Council for the work that they do to help our citizens living with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

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Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.



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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 1, 2005

To recognize and honor the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute's observation of the vital role of residential community associations in the Nation's Capital, and to declare Saturday, March 5, 2005 as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the residential community of homeowner associations, housing cooperatives and condominiums in the Nation's Capital has entered the new millennium;

WHEREAS, strong residential communities are the heart of city life and are essential for fostering civic responsibility and pride in the city;

WHEREAS, the prospects for the ongoing revitalization of the District of Columbia greatly depend on the flourishing of its residential core;

WHEREAS, the Community Associations Institute is dedicated to fostering vibrant, responsive, competent residential community associations that promote harmony, community and responsible leadership, enhancing the lives of their residents; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 5, 2005, the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the Community Associations Institute is celebrating the value added to the area's quality of life by community associations in the Nation's Capital.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "Community Association Day Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor the Community Associations Institute, Washington Metropolitan Chapter's observation of Community Association Day in the Nation's Capital, and declares March 5, 2005 as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia."

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.